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Temple Pageant 'Better Than Ever'

100,000 Visit Oakland Temple In First Year

By Nell Smith

During the first year of operation the Oakland Temple Bureau of Information counted 100,000 visitors who came for guided tours or just to walk in the Temple court and around the Terrace Gardens. Thousands more visited the site without going on the tour and were not counted.

Bus loads of school children and residents of retirement villages have been brought to view the Temple and the breathtaking vista of Oakland and the spectacular bay area. The guided tours have included people from Russia, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Turkey, Israel, South Africa, Central and South America, most European countries, all of the 50 states, Canada, and Mexico.

Some of the visitors to the Temple grounds have accepted the Gospel and referrals for further information about the "Mormons" are continually being received.

Elder W. Paul Summerhays, director of the Bureau of Information, said, "We have been busier this year than in any previous year of our lives. We have found this work intensely interesting and a challenge. Questions on the Gospel, hte Church, its practices and proceedures, are continually being asked.

The Bureau of Information operations are directly under a committee whose members are President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland Temple District chairman, President Delbert F. Wright, Oakland Temple president, President Lyle R. Peterson, Northern California Mission, and Elder Summerhays.

Plan for six-stake New Year's Eve "bash." L. to R. are LE ANN TOLMAN, Alameda Ward; JAY ROUNDS, Castro Valley Ward, assistant general chairman, and president of the Bay Area Council; DE ANNA SHIRLEY, University Ward of Oakland-Berkeley Stake; SHIRLEY Lane, Irvington Ward, Hayward Stake; and RICHARD KING, San Lorenzo 2d Ward, San Leandro Stake, general chairman.

Six Bay Area Stakes Plan New Year's Eve Party

College-age students and youth groups from six Bay Area stakes are sponsoring a gala New Year's Eve dinner-dance at the East Bay Inter Stake Center 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. Officers of San Francisco, Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro, Hayward, Walnut Creek and Concord Stakes are planning for attendance of more than 1000.

The Ernie Heckscher orchestra, from the Venetian Room of San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill will provide music for dancing.

A star-studded show of professional entertainment and talent will highlight the programs. Richard King of San Leandro is general chairman and master of ceremonies. "The Renents," a fast-paced group of singers and entertainers, will perform, as will Marie Chevez, professional night club vocalist and entertainer, who has sung at the Hawaiian Gardens in San Jose. Other acts of professionalsters are being added.

After the new Year has arrived, a gourmet breakfast to include four different berry pancakes, with several varieties of syrups, eggs, ham, chilled fruit cocktail, toast, hot chocolate, and fruit juices will be served. Mrs. Myron Downey of Fremont is chairman in charge of breakfast arrangements. She heads a committee from Irvington Second Ward.

Gary Earl of Oakland is decorations chairman. Assisting him is Craig Leavitt of San Francisco.

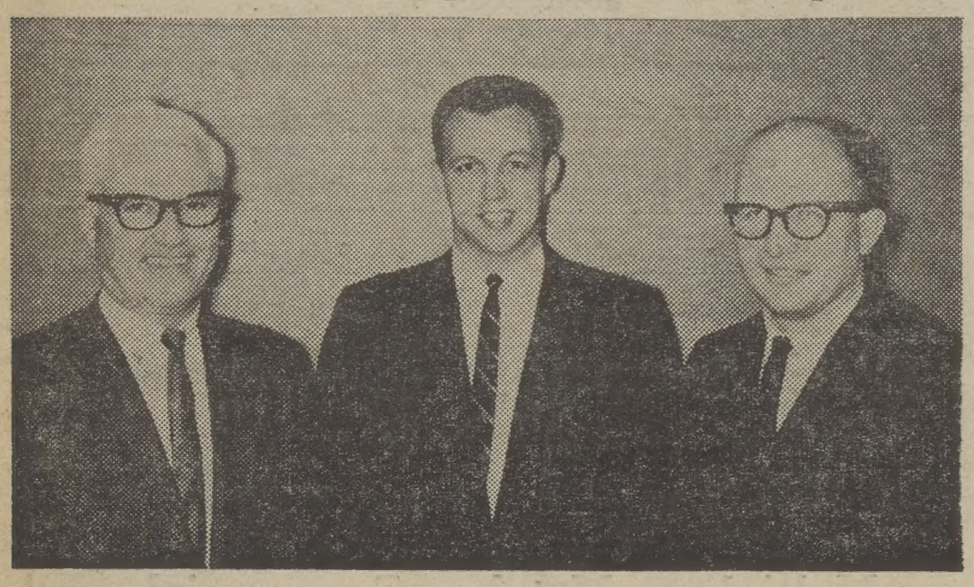
Other chairmen include Jay Rounds of Castro Valley, LeAnn Tolman and Deanna Shirley of Alameda, D'Ann Downey of Fremont, Earle Brown of San Pablo, Marie Chavez of Irvington, Lona Kraske of San Francisco, Carolyn Hill of Concord, Carolyn Poulton and Roy and Howard King of San Leandro, Janetta Loftis of Livermore, Reid Brown of San Lorenzo, Leonard Phister, Pat Heppler, and Shirley Lane of Hayward, Claudia Crockett and Elizabeth Hoybjery of San Lorenzo, and Betty Tucker of Hayward.

Tickets are on sale now, both here and at Brigham Young University. Suggested donation of $3.00 a person will include favors, noise makers, hats, balloons, horns, and all the other usual New Year's Eve equipment. Tickts may b purchd for either a couple or single admission. All reservations must be made in advance. Dress will be semi-formal. A professional photographer, Charles Ruiz, and his wife. Jean, from Castro Valley will photograph couples who want such souveniers.

M-Men and Gleaner-age persons in northern California are invited, whether married or single, from ages 18 to 35. Persons desiring further information may call Richard King at 351-2298, or Jay Rounds at 538-9065. The dance is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m., and- continue into 1966.

Hayward 2d Ward

William McCleary Named Bishop



WILLIAM McCLEARY, center, is new bishop of Hayward 2d Ward, Dave Anderson 1st counselor, left, and Darrell Steinicke, 2d counselor. Quentin Hunter, Bishop for the last seven years, has been released.

By Mel Venturi

Mutual marrieds Christmas partywill be held Dec. 3, in the chapel amusement hall. Theme of this dinner dance will be "I'll Be Home For Christmas." entertainment during intermission will be the ward road show winning musical, "The Peppermint Parlor." It won the road show competition in the Hayward Stake, and is an excellent musical play. Excellent food is planned.

Irene and Darrell Steinicke are the proud parents of a baby son, Todd, born Friday, Nov. 12.

The Relief Society is busy working on the ward bazaar to be held Dec. 3. Many homemade things will be for sale, many home-baked goodies, and a delicious dinner is planned, with booths and fun for each member of the family.

The ward Thanksgiving dinner featured turkey with all the trimmings. This dinner also honored former Bishop Quentin Hunter and his wife.

Our Mutual Marrieds party for this month was planned and organized by Don and Phyllis Burner and their committee. It was an old fashioned dance party with mixer dances. Home made pie and postum was served.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

And while we're having it, let's make it a reverent one, also.

Much has been said and written about the over-commercialization and perversion of the original meaning of the holiday to the point where the sacredness has been obscured. While we don't believe that either the profit motive or fun is necessarily evil, they can be and debauchery definitely is.

It is proper that we enjoy the holiday, have fun, be merry, exchange gifts and greetings, eat turkey.

Let us also give thanks for our many rich blessings, including the love and sacrifices of those who shed their blood for us. Let us be prayerful and loving toward all mankind, including those who would destroy us. Let us share our gifts, both material and spiritual, with those who need them desperately.

He whose birth we celebrate and whom we all serve commanded it.

It was even better.

Better than last year and better than the most optimistic had dared hope.

"And It Came To Pass," which played to capacity audiences Nov. 5 & 6 and 12 & 13, had the benefit of a year's experience and wider participation, though it had lost stars and a number of more abscure actors and singers, and turned uncounted thousands away at the door for simple lack of room. During some performances people stood in the rain in hopes that somehow seats would become available. The widespread appeal of the pageant, hich popular demand seems to be making an annual event, has brought serious suggestions that a larger auditorium than even the 2000-seat East Bay Interstake Center be sought so that more of the thousands of disappointed non-members may receive this missionary message as well as the conditioned saints who have learned to come two hours early and bring a good book.

Last month Doyle T. West was unintentionally and unfortunately overlooked as one of the successors to the incapacitated Verna Johnson as musical director. He was sensational. (We'd hate to have to choose between him and Nico Snel III.) So was everybody. The pageant is truly a team effort and everybody stars, from the narrators and principals throughout the list of 500 musicians, chorus members, assistants behind the scenes — EVERYbody who helped out even in the most unsung (no pun itended) capacity.

Authors & composers James Ira Young and R. Whitney Groo Jr. (who doubled as producer) deserve all the honors they have received and more, too. What more can be said within the limits of space and time, even to re-printing the well-prepared program?

Participating stakes were Concord, Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, San Jose West, San Leandro, San Mateo, and Walnut Creek.

WE SALUTE "AND IT CAME TO PASS" AND EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH IT.

San Mateo Stake Meeting Dec. 4-5

San Mateo Stake's quarterly conference was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5 in the stake center. Stake President Clifton D. Boyack, 901 Bauer Avenue, San Carlos, conducted the sessions.

Visiting authorities were Elder Ralph J. Hill, a member of the Church's Missionary Committee; Elder Clarence Robison and Phyllis Ann Roundy, representing the Mutual Improvement Associations.

San Leandro Stake Holds Conference

San Leandro Stake heard three Church officials from Salt Lake City, at its quarterly conference, Nov. 27 and 28:

Elder James M. Paramore of the Church's missionary committee, Mark L. Money and Myrle Low of the Mutual Improvement Associations.

General sessions of the conference held in the East Bay Interstake Center were conducted by Stake President Anthon Gifford Jackson, 992 Collier Drive.

Here's Background About The 3Ds

Because the 3Ds are so popular, give so freely of their time, talents, and testimonies, and will appear in the area several times for the benefit of various stake and ward activities in the next few weeks, we re-print extracts of a story that appeared in the Church News recently, received through the courtesy of Sister Glenna M. Stephens of Castro Valley 2d Ward.

"Give Said The Little Stream," the Primary children's classic, won instant approval from Capitol Records and might be the theme song of the three young men known professionally as the 3 D's, Dick Davis, Denis Sorensen, and Duane Hiatt, all of Orem, Utah. They have given freely of their time, musical talent and tesimonies world-wide in the mission field and at "firesides."

"All three songsters are graduates of Brigham Young University, former missionaries and family men, and now three years and a quarter of a million miles later, they have joined hands as a professional trio playing and singing whereever audiences gather to hear them.

"Incidentlly the spright primary song was recorded as a single record by Capitol, and it also heads the first album produced at BYU Titled, "Mormon Folk Ballads." Two other albums, "I Won't Be Worried Long," and "New Dimensions in Folk Songs" have been recorded also by Capitol. A fourth featuring Primary songs is planned for release at Christmas time.

"While at the BYU, Dick majored in speech and hearing therapy; Denis in ternational relations and Duane in journalism. It was there they met the fourth member of their group, their manager, D. Chris Pouols, who was converted to the Church while a member of the U.S. Air Force and left his home in Kentucky to attend BYU and later became a member of the faculty in charge of Education Week programs in 44 areas."

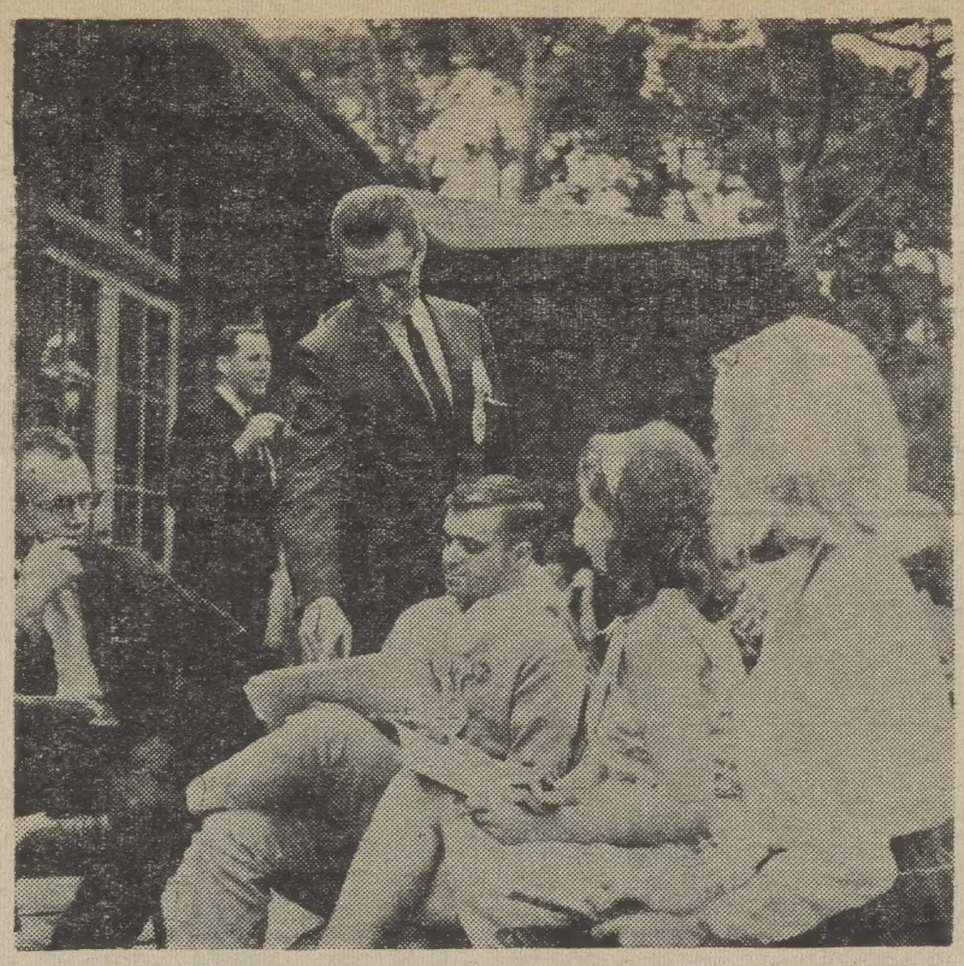
Mit Eine Kleine Kommut Musik?

Commuting days are over for Henry (Hank) Seavers who was honored by fellow employees of the Western Pacific railroad on his retirement after 40 years' service.

Hank was guest of honor at a banquet in San Francisco attended by 114 former associates in the railroad's auditing department. Special guest was his wife Lue (faithful Messenger reporter who in modesty DIDN'T write this), who received a corsage of white orchids and a flower arrangement in a crystal bowl. Hank received a card signed by all guests, certificate of appreciation from the railroad, and a "going away" present of enough cash to equip him with plenty of fishing gear.

He has commuted between Alameda and San Francisco throughout his long employment with the Western Pacific.

Hank's and Lue's son Wally, formerly of Alameda Ward, recently became a member of the Hayward Stake high council.



GLADE BURGON, director of LDS Institute, Berkeley, chats with three members of the Berkeley Institute council, BROOKS DERR, TAMMY SAWYER, ELAINE ELLIS, between worshop sessions at Asilomar conference.

23 Institutes Represented At Asilomar

Three days of beauty and labor were enjoyed at the Asilomar conference grounds near Monterey recently by student leaders from Institutes serving 23 university and college campuses in northern California and Nevada.

From rigorous workshops came new ideas for making the Institute program a greater asset to L.D.S. students and friends. Ideas ranged fram "the purpose of Insitute" and "power of good leadership" to "how to extend the Institute to others."

President William E. Berrett of Provo, Utah administrator for the Church education department, was guest speaker at the Sunday devotional and testimony services.

Saga Of Pioneers Told On Records

The saga of the Mormon trek west and colonization of Utah has just been published by Columbia Records in a combined literary-musical album.

Entitled "The Mormon Pioneers," the work contains an LP record with the musical account of Mormon folksongs and a 48-page album of excerpts from diaries, pictures, maps letters and articles all in one volume.

Producer of the record, Goddard Lieberson, president of Columbia Records, has dedicated the work to President David O. McKay.

The record gives the story as the pioneers themselves told it in letters and song they invented and sang around campfires and at Church meetings. It presents choral arrangements of folk songs such as "The Handcart Song," and "The Ox-Team Trail." Folk singers Ed McCurdy, Jack Elliott, Clayton Krehbiel and Oscar Brand solo in renditions of "Root Hog or Die," "This Is The Place," "Echo Canyon," "Once I Lived in Cottonwood," "Waste Not Want Not," "Seagull and Cricketts" and many others.

LDS Clubs Formed At Oakland City Colleges

L.D.S. students no longer need sit by and watch others go to club during "activities hour" at Oakland city's Merritt and Laney campuses. L.D.S. clubs have been organized at both colleges. Students and friends gather for an hour twice weekly to discuss — "Building a Personal Philosophy of Life." Subject matter ranges through goal making, positive thingking, overcoming fear, science and religion, tools for thinking, building unshakable testimony, organizing time, and other subjects.

Faculty advisors sponsor the clubs and coordinate activities with the college. Warren Johnson is faculty advisor at Merritt and Don Stevenson at Laney. Both clubs are instructed by Glade Burgon who also heads the L.D.S. Institute of Religion for students of the University of California.

Kenneth Mansfield On Temple Hill Bill

By Frances Beniams

Kenneth Mansfield, well-known to Temple Hill concert audiences, is scheduled to pay an organ program of music by Bach, Mendelssohn, and the Belgian composer De Brabanter as the Jan. 2 attraction in the Temple Hill series.

Time and place, of course, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan 2, at the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland.

Appointment of President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve, and Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson, assistant to the Twelve, as additional counselors in the First Presidency has been announced by President David O. McKay. The appointments were required by the increasing work load on the First Presidency caused by the rapid growth of the Church and its activities.

This is not the first such move. President Joseph Smith called additional counselors in 1837, President Brigham Young did in 1873, and President McKay himself did in 1961.

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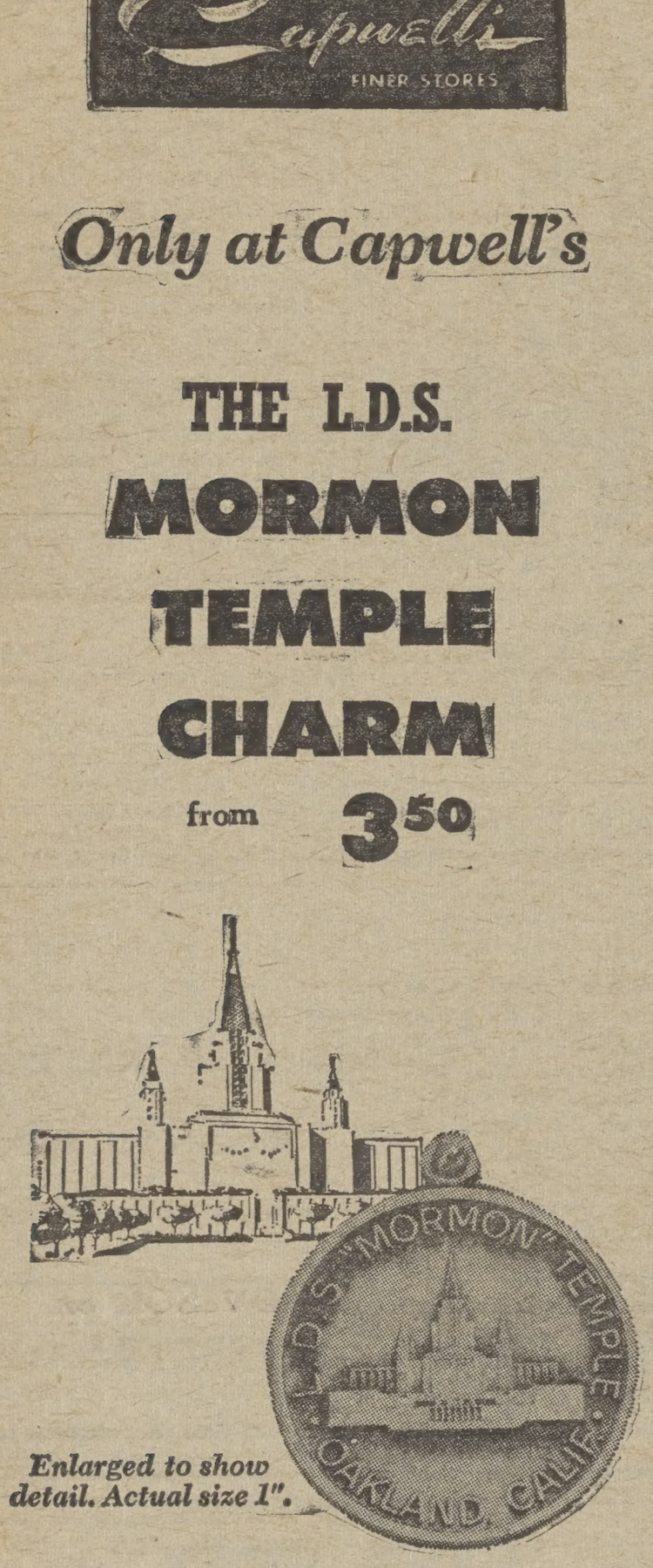

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E. H. McBride

Funeral services were held Nov. 19 for Ephraim Heber McBride who passed away Nov. 16. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery where Bishop Dale E. Roe of the Oakland Fourth ward gave the dedicatory prayer.

Brother McBride was a member of the High Priests' group of the Oakland Fourth ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was born in Oakley, Idaho, August 25, 1890, son of Heber Kimball McBride and Lillian McIntosh. He married Lydia Campbell Dec. 10, 1911, was later divorced; then on July 6, 1956, he was married to Bessie Hansen, who survives him.

He is also survived by three sons and two daughters by his first marriage: Ralph McBride of Pomona, California; Mateland McBride of Clearfield, Utah; Leo McBride of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Hugh (Wanda) Sellers of Provo, Utah; and Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Robison of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Four sisters also survive: Mrs. Marie Sanford of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Kathryn Squires of Baldwin Park, California; Mrs. Moroni (Alice) Ward, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Leah Collett, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

He is also survived by 23 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A carpenter, he lived iu Utah from 1923 until 1943 when he came to California.

Speakers at the services were Bishop Curtis Bybee, now of the Oakland - Berkeley Stake High Council and Bishop Dale E. Roe of the Oakland Fourth ward. Prayer was offered by John Forsman of the High Priests' quorum.

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Vic Simard Will Continue Moving

Vic(tor L.) Simard is staying in the moving business.

He has bought the C. E. Wise Van & Storage business at his home city of Hayward, a long-established business connected with Atlas Van Lines. (His ad appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Vic is a 1949 grad of Utah State University (now known locally as the University of California at Logan) School of Commerce. He came immediately to this area and went to work as a station agent for Western Air Lines, had experience as assistant traffic manager for Montgomery Ward, traffic manager for H. S. Crocker, and sales representative for ANC Transportation Co. He has lived in Hayward since 1951. So he's moved 'most everything but his family.'

A native of Los Angeles, he married Marjorie McCowin of Logan during the (WWII) war year of 1942. Their son Vic is returning from his mission (story elsewhere). Their daughter Barbara is 16, son Jim 15, daughter Diane 8, Carolyn 5, and Suzanne 3.

Marjorie, long a ward and stake correspondent fo rthe Messenger of Northern California, is "threatened" with the Hayward Primary presidency. Her unfailing contributions have so professional we hope she'll still have time to send in her "batch" without assuming too big a burden. Any volunteer helpers? (Hint, hint.)

Oakland Artist Is Complimented

Sister Thora Bramwell of Oakland 4th Ward has redeived a highly complimentary letter recently on paintings she submitted to the Art Instruction Schools' annual competition at Minneapolis.

Judges awarded an honorable mention to her "Sonoma In Spring" and commented favorably on "Favorite Fishing Hole" and "Autumn Splendor." The letter was written by Don Jardine, editor of The ILLUSTRATOR magazine.

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Remember last month we said the 3Ds would appear at Diablo Valley College Saturday, Jan. 22, for the benefit of the Walnut Creek Stake fund to defray expenses of participation in the 1965 Temple pageant?

They won't.

They'll appear at Las Lomas High School, Walnut Creek, instead. Its easier to get to, has just as good an auditorium, has not QUITE as much parking so you'll have to come a little earlier.

Otherwise the facts are the same. Suggested donation $2 a person.

The original report was not an error and the committee didn't kid us. They just kept on working for better accommodations.

Individual Awards To Richmond Girls

By Mima Williams

Individual awards were presented to 13 Richmond Ward girls at a recent sacrament meeting. Those receiving awards were:

1st year: Jayne Andres, Melonie Hatch, Katrina Cole, and Shari Black.

2nd year: Pamela Turner, and Navieve Wightman.

rd year: Peggy Uber, and Diana Black.

4th year: Melba Golightly, and Le Anne Tidwell.

5th year: Catherine Uber, and Raniece Wightman.

7th year: Lynda Uber.

Leadership awards were given Myrna Schwartz, and Margaret Olauson, 1st year; Barbara Golightly, 2nd year; Alaine Wightman and Edna Cecil, 4th year; Norma Thinger and Catherine O'Conner, 5th year.

'Mormon Junction' A Well-Known Stop

A couple from Ogden who were attending the Oakland Temple recently had this interesting episode to tell. They were staying at a San Francico hotel and traveled to Oakland to the Temple by bus.

When they boarded the bus in San Francisco they asked the driver if he would inform them where to make the bus change in order to reach the "Oakland Temple." The driver replied, "Oh, you mean the Mormon Temple don't you?"

When they arrived at the intersection for the bus change the driver announced in a loud voice, Mormon junction! All change for the Mormon Temple."

The beautiful, golden - spired Temple is a truly established-landmark.

MIA-Missionary 'Marriage' Is Meeting Theme

By Mary D. Westover

Marriage of the MIA and the missionary work of the Church through the new Aaronic Priesthood missionary committee being formed in each ward was the theme of the Oakland-Berkeley stake quarterly conference at the East Bay Interstake Center Nov. 7.

Milton L. Weilenmann, former president of the Alaskan-Canadian Mission and now a member of the General Aaronic Priesthood missionary committee, said. "Family problems are not new. Most of the old patriarches had them, including Joshua and David. The most important thing you can give a child is faith in God, to be able to say with Joshua, As for me and my house, we will serve theLord."

Brother Keith Engar, member of the General Board of the YMMIA, stressed the importance of using interests of young people to establish their ideals, habits, and life patterns." When they find real fun in praiseworthy, lasting pursuits of which they can be proud, they will have no time for those suitable to dark alleys on foggy nights. Furnishing wholesome enjoyment can be a great missionary tool," he declared.

Sister Margo Butler of the YWMIA General Board brought out that youth i sthe time of preparation. "Once we have to perform, the preparation must be complete if we would live up to our full potential."

The Stake Youth Chorus sang special numbers from the Temple pageant music. Brother Robert Douglas was organist and Sister Judy Billeter chorister.

Other conference speakers include President Ronald V. Stone, recently returned from the North Argentine Mission; Sister Joyce Osborne of the Stake YWMIA, and Brother Harold Delamar of the Stake YMMIA; Michele Lyon of the El Cerrito Ward missionary committee and Lynn McCarthy of the Oakland 5th Ward committee; Elders Tom Corbett and Dee Smith of the Stake high council and Elmo Smith of the stake presidency.

Mormonaires' Program

MARRIED MORMONAIRES enjoyed dinner and "The Sound of Music" in San Francisco, Saturday, Nov. 13.

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month. Future events planned are Dec. 11, potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange; January 8, fireside; Feb. 12, "Night on the Town;" March 12, dinner and variety show. For additional information white or phone Elaine Revel, 3800 California Street, Oakland, 261-3155. Suggestions for future activities are also needed.

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University Ward

'First Bazaar' To Be Dec. 11

By Dorine S. Jesperson

"The Bazzar" is the most frequently discussed topic among women of the ward these days. This event is slated for Dec. 11 at the Institute and promises to be an interesing shopping experience. The girls have been working on numerous projects from Christmas decorations to quiet books, from curler bags to baby quilts. A tantalizing bake sale to be included will tempt the taste buds and bring forth the pocketbooks, it is hoped. This is the first bazzar ever held by the University Ward Relief Society and hands, minds and sewing machines are busy as the deadline approaches.

Bishop D. D. Jensen and his wife are visiting in the Orient for six weeks where the bishop went to presented a paper in Japan. Their journy is nearly over and ward members are anxious to hear of their experiences.

Chance governed most ward member's partners for a gala party held at the Institute on Halowe'en. Those members wishing to take part in the festivities submitted their names to a central committee. Each single girl drew a name from a hat to determine her partner and then invited him to dinner at her home the evening of the party. The Young Marrieds drew to see where and with which other couples they would dine. After the dinners, all met at the Institute for dessert, a program and dancing mixers, folk dances and a few jitterbugs, etc. It proved to be an evening of frolicking fun and an excellent "get acquainted" affair. The party was sponsored by the Relief Society under the direction of Marilyn F. Randall, assisted by numerous other sisters.

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San Leandro Stake

New Mission Presidency

By Doris M. SMEMOE

New president of the San Leandro Stake mission is Gerald R. Cox of Castro Valley 2d Ward. He comees from Provo, Utah, and is employed by the Wells Fargo bank in Oakland. He and his wife Jane Anne have three children. She teaches Primary and is chorister in Junior Sunday School. Brother Cox is a seventy.

His 1st counselor is Glenn A. Case of San Lorenzo 2d Ward, father of four girls. His wife Joyce teaches a Laurel class and is Relief Society chorister. Brother Case works for the U.S. Postoffice and is also a seventy.

Doyle. G. Fullmer of Oakland 2d counselor. He and his wife Marjorie have six children. She is in-service leader in Primary He is a teacher in the Oakland Public Schools, a member of the seventies' presidency, and teaches the investigators' class in Sunday School.

Scretary is Doris M. Smemoe of Castro Valley 1st Ward. They replace H. Elwood Randall Jr., Gerald Gamblin, Tennyson Walton, and Mabel Drushall.

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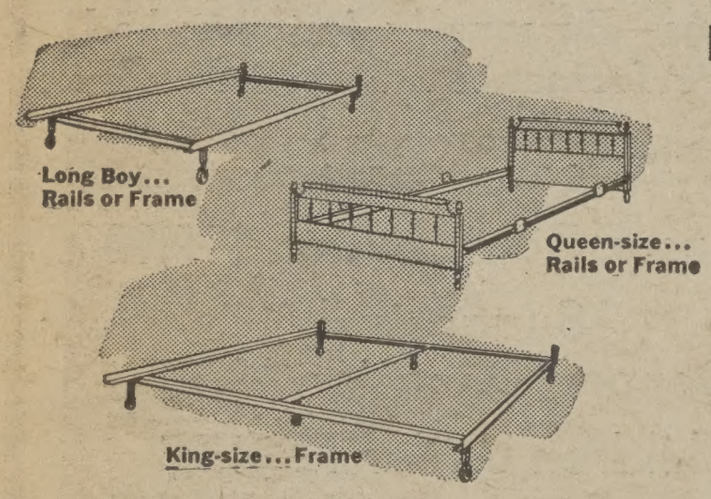

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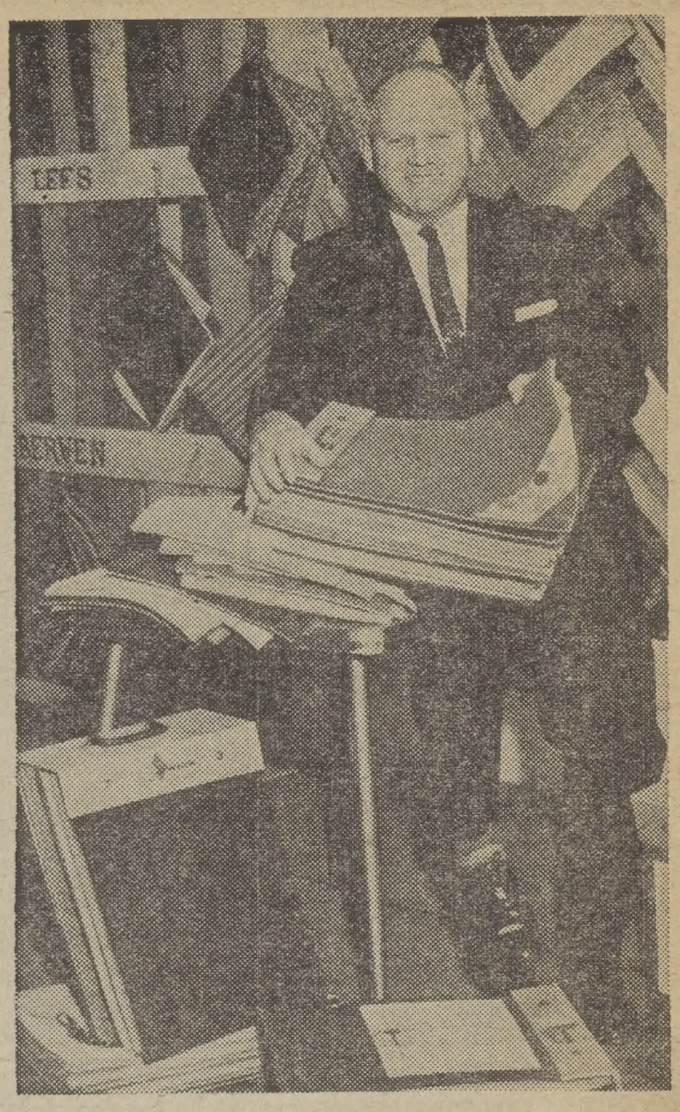

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Entrance to the mansion is upon a dazzling combination of vivid green, red, and gold, intermixed with statuary. The ball room to the left will be alive wiht music and dancing.

Abreath-taking view of the Bay awaits the visitor at the top of the circular stairs where a buffet dinner and gourmet dessert will be served.

This event will sparkle the holiday season and give a peek at the "old San Francisco."

A minimum donation of $10 a person for the benefit of the Bay Ward building fund is requested. Construction of the new chapel on the site will begin in January, 1066. For reservations call: 673-2689 — 885-1990 — 863-2978.

LONA CRASK and CRAIG LEAVITT "enter" the Spreekels mansion for the Bay Ward's gala ball Dec. 11. The historic mansion is the site of the future ward chapel.

'Golden Questions' Series To Continue

Time being what it is, we received too late for publication beforehand notice of a series of discourses related to 'the Golden Questions', sponsored by the 247th Quorum of Seventy, that ran through September and October. It has been continued through November and will continue through December.

Remaining discourses, limited to an hour, to be held at the Oakland 3d Ward chapel, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, include the following challenging subjects;

Sun. Dec. 5; 5 p.m. Revelation: The Ninth Article of Faith. Speaker: President W. Gleen Harmon.

Sun. Dec. 12, 2 p.m. The Atonement. Speaker: Elder Samuel Holmes.

Sun. Dec. 19, 2 p.m. A Christmas Message. Speaker: Elder Albert Heiner.

Sun. Dec. 26, 2 p.m. Salvation and Exaltation. Speaker: Bishop Grant Cluff.

Come and bring your friends. If you can't come, send them. For further information call 261-3880.

'Dinner With Margaret' Swells Welfare Funds

By Marilla Bodily

November was delightful for ward members and friends. Our bishop's wife, Margaret Owens, originated "Dinner With Margaret" series to swell the welfare budget. Four dinners were planned for a donation of $3.00 a guest while Margaret provided the home, food, and entertainment. It is delightful to be a guest in our bishop's home, but not alweays possible. Margaret provided the stimulus for entertaining many people. It has been fun for all.

A total of 89 guests were served plus family and entertaining artists. After the first dinner Clayne Robinson, baritone, sang an interesting varied program accompanied by Mary Wallmann. The Bishop hinted that it might become an annual or semi-annual event.

Sympathy of ward members goes to Elton and Margery Wallin and family on the sudden death of their son David in a traffic accident. We have missed this family since their move to San Jose.

Donald Harris will graduate from Marine Corps basic training in San Diego Dec. 2. He will be assigned to one of the communication schools for further training. Even the Marine Corps couldn't knock an ounce off of Don!

Wednesday, Dec. 22 will be the Mutuals' Christmas party. All are invited.

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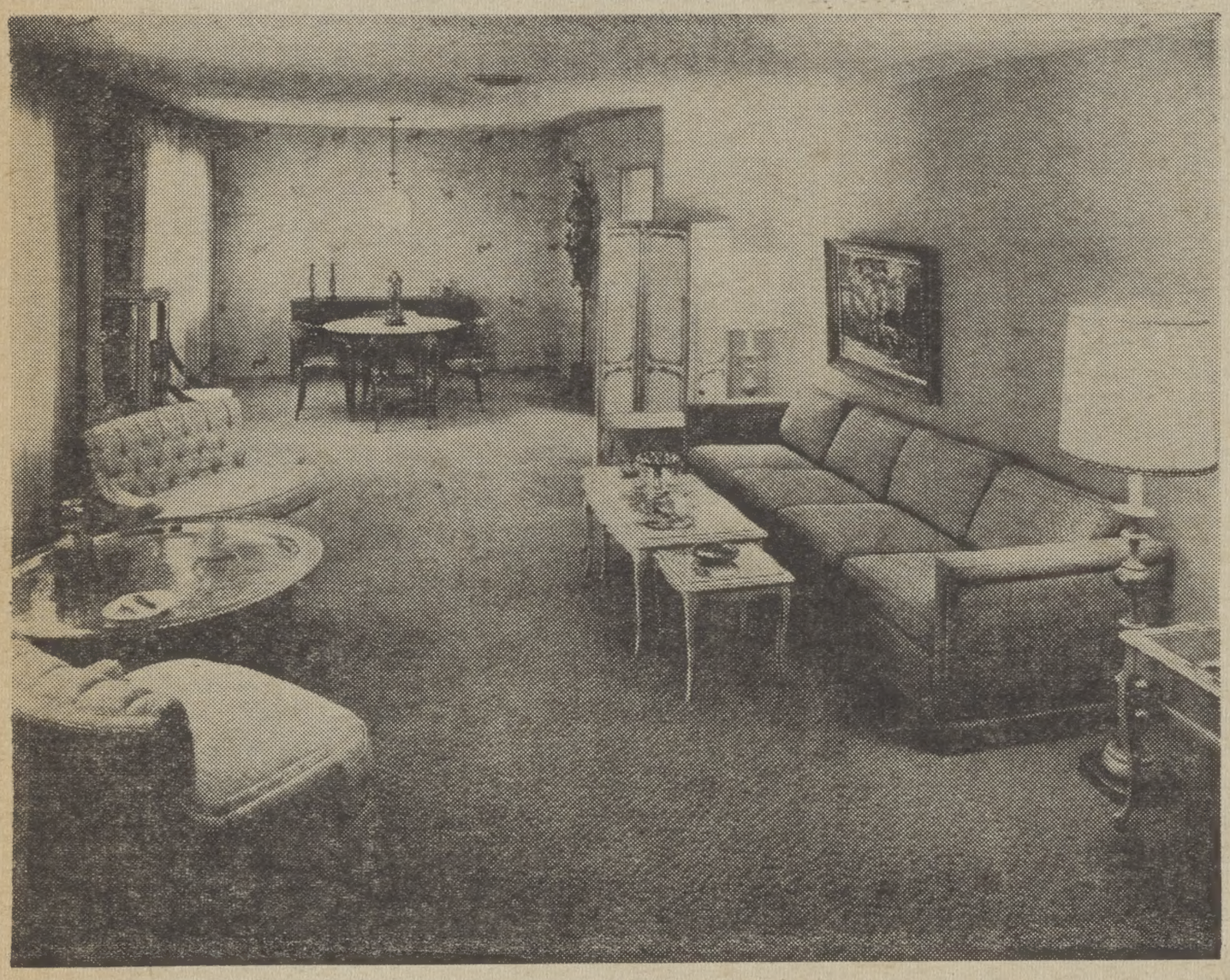

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LeRoy Spencer

Funeral Services were held at the Oakland Fourth ward chapel November 20 for LeRoy Haworth Spencer. Interment was Monday, Nov. 22 at Evergreen Cemetery. Brother Spencer did Nov. 17.

Brother Spencer was born May 4, 1889 in Afton, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Ivie J. Spencer and children: Mrs. James (Jennie Tait, George Spencer, both of Oakland and M. Roy Spencer of Sunnyvale. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

An active member of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints, he was a member of the High Priests-group of the Oakland Fourth ward.

Speakers were Bishop Curtis R. Bybee and Bishop Leland H. Wright, who served as Bishops during Brother Spencer's residence in the ward. Another Bishop with whom he worked, William A. Stewart, gave in the benediction. A. K. Bramwell of the High Priests' group, and a former member of the fourth ward Bishopric gave the invocation. Graveside Prayer was by Oakland Fourth ward Bishop Dale E. Roe.

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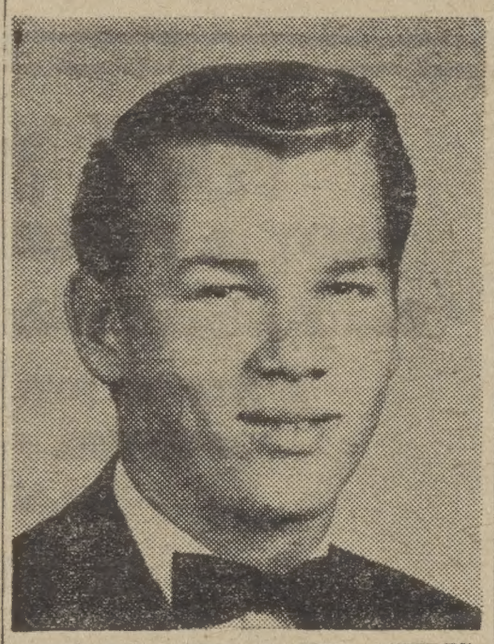
Dec. 26 has been set by Bishop Bernard O. Stewart of Hayward Ward as the date for the homecoming program for Elder Victor L. Simard III who will be released from the Northen Far East Mission Dec. 19. The new meeting time is 3:30 p.m.



ELDER JOHN DAVID CHRISTENSEN, son of Dale and Violet Christensen, has been called from Oakland Ward to serve in the Brazilian Mission. Dave was brought up in the Church, has been active in Scouting, has earned his Duty to God award, has attended both Seminary and Institute and recently served as Counselor at Camp Philmont.

Friends attended his farewell testimonial at Oakland Ward chapel. He is now at the language facility in Provo.

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Linda Marian Schofield, only daughter of Louis and Marian Schofield, died Nov. 4 at the age of 17 in Merritt Hospital, Oakland, after a serious heart operation. Linda had resided at 3465 South Silver Springs Road, Lafayette, with her parents and her two brothers, Louis and Tommy.

Linda was a faithful member of Lafayette-Orinda Ward and in spite of her heart condition had participated in many activities. She attended Seminary and MIA and took a part in the road show. She was especially thrilled to be in the Temple pageant last year.

Linda was a senior at Acalanes Righ School and a member of the Acadonna Club which is made up of girls who do volunteer work for the community. She had worked in two convalescent homes. She earned her cap for working ore than 25 hours.

Besides her parents and brothers, Linda is survived by her grandparents, Mr. andMrs. Herman DeVries.

ELDER RUSSELL L. BLAKE, son of Vernon and Darline Blake, was honored at a missionary farewell testimonal at Walnut Creek Ward Nov. 14. He has been called to serve in the Northern States Mission.. Participants in the program included two of his former bishops, John Drushal and Truman Nethercott, and his present one Joseph W. Brown. His sister Lorianne sang a solo "Called To Serve" and his sister Vernyce played Chopin's familiar Polanaise. His parents, the missionary, George Myron Baker I, and Russell's "grandfather" .Frank. J. Richins were the other speakers.

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Alameda Ward

By Lue Seaver & Violet Pinckney

Funeral services were held at the Alameda Ward chapel Friday, Nov. 12, for Oscar Fontano Sr., who had died after a long illness. Three days later services were held for his widow Mildred Morgan Fontano, who also had been ill many months. Both services were conducted by Bishop Sam Gardner.

Thys and Reba Winkel have returned from southern Utah where they were called at the death and funeral of his mother after a long illness.

Sister Gene Vincent had a bout with the flu after a fall a few weeks ago.

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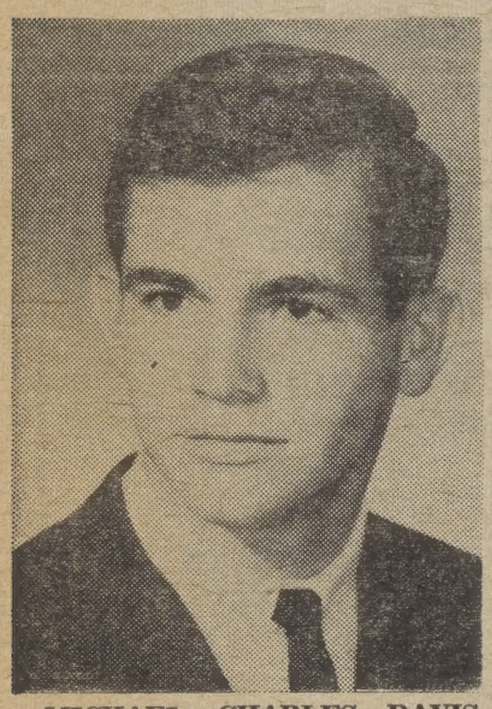
Basektball season has started with a hoop and a holler, with games in both junior and senior divisions being scheduled and played under the direction of Emerson Green, athletic director for the Stake YMMIA. (Ed Note: Anything I hate is a punny reporter. Like a holler ball going through a hoop—whoop- Now I'm doing it.)

Latter-day Saint students at Chabot College are active in both Institute and LDS Club programs. The LDS Club, largest organized group on campus, sponsored Pam Choate as their candidate for Homecoming Queen and were more than proud when she won.

LINDA COZIER of Centerville was named Gladiator of the Month last month at Chabot College campus. To receive this recognition a student must be active in all school activities or be someone whom the college woud be proud to have represent them, and must aso have done some outstanding service to the school during the month. An A.S.C.C. honors committee chose Linda. She was chairman of the Homecoming committee that supervised the election of Homecoming Queen and planned the Homecoming Ball. These activities were successful under Linda's enthusiastic leadership.



MICHAEL CHARLES DAVIS, oldest son of Joseph and Barbara Davis, has been called to serve in the FrancoBelgian Mission. Mike is a graduate of Miramonte High School and had attended Diablo Valley Colege and Brigham Young University. A farewel testimonial was held in his honor on Nov. 21, in the Lafayette-Orinda Ward chapel. After the service, friends visited with him and his family at an open house at the home of Bishop and Sister Donald Merrill. Mike's mission address will be: FrancoBelgian Mission, 16, Rue Gustave Van Huynegem, Brussels 9, Belgium.

The Institute group, headed by President Dennis Stewart, was sponsor for a Fall Festival for college students from Northern California. They heard a speaker from BYU, held an inspiring testimony meeting, and enjoyed a dinner dance to a live orchestra in the spacious facilities at the Interstake Center.

Hayward Ward bishopric has a new member, Dr. Jacob Hamblin, called to replace Vard Johnson who, with his family, has moved to Salt Lake City. 'Jake' has been stake superintendent of the YMMIA for three years. He is a great-grandson of the famous pioneer whose name he bears, and is a masterful story-teller of the adventures of his illustrious ancestor.

PAM CHOATE, vivacious brunette member of Castro Valley Ward and an enthusiastic member of the L.D.S. Club at Chabot College campus on Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, was crowned queen for the 1965-1966 year, at the Chabot annual Homecoming ball. She is shown here with her court. The L.D.S. Club was newly organized on Chabot Campus inthe beginning of this school year, and already has a good reputation with its success in the Homecoming Queen and in the election of Rick Beardon, of Hayward 2d Ward, as assemblyman at large.

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Oakland 3d Ward

Welfare Bazaar Is 'Best Ever'

By Marie Roelle

The big event of the year is the annual ward welfare bazaar, Nov. 18 and 19. A lot of work goes into Bazaar each year, but this year was the biggest and best yet. The Explorers are giving a luau Dec. 3 to finance their big outing for next year. ,

The John Johnson family is mov- Johnson has been serving as athleed toSan Jose the end of Nov. John tic director and Gospel doctrine teacher, and his wife, Bonnie, has been chairman of th elibrary committee and editor of the ward newspaper.

There wer two baptisms this month, Rodney Winslow,, and Margaret Munro, a young lady from Scottland. Glade Wilson was ordained an Elder this month.

San Lorenzo 2d Ward

Costume Party

By Gene Bond

Pack 635 San Lorenzo 2d Ward was Pack 65 San Lorenzo 2d Ward was held Oct. 28. The Cubs attended the meeting in Hallowe'en costumes. Highlighting the evening was the judging of the costumes. Brother James R. McGhee, 2d counselor in San Lorenzo 2d Ward, served as judge. Judged as the spookiest and receiving ribbons were: Gregory Bertola first, Mike Lucero ,second, and Ricky Rydalch, third. The funniest were: Jay Dawson first, Ross Bigler second and Eugene Bond third. Most Original were: Bobby Anderson first, Gregg Whtie second and Larry Dennis third.

Awards and badges were presented to those who had qualified. Mike Lucero received his gold arrow badge. Scott Romer, Gary Le Cheminant and Steve Hobbs received their Den Chief braid. Denner badges were given to Robert Anderson and Timmy Davis. Other badges presented were: Assistant Denner stripe, Eugene Bond, one - year pins to Gregg White, Gregory Bertola and Ross Bigler. Three-year pin: David Parry. Ricky Rydalch was initiated a Bob Cat.

Den 3 received the flag for the most awards presented. Joanne White is Den Mother. Den 2 received the flag for having the highest percentage of parents in attendance. Lillian Bond is Den Mother.

Pittsburg Ward

Tena Kotau Ehoa, Missionary Says

By Boots Barrus and Thora Astle

Tena Kotau Ehoa's (Hello to everyone) was the greeting of Elder Rendell R. Johnson, Jr. as he returned Oct. 16 from a two-year mission to New Zealand. Meeting him at the airport were his family from Pittsburg, Brother and Sister Rendell Johnson Sr., and his brothers Steven, Gary and Kevin. Also, his cousins Pattie Upton & Toni Jenny Ammanson came from Sacramento to greet him as he returned.

After leaving Oct. 14 from Wellington, he stopped at Hamilton, then on to Temple View where he attended three sessions in the Temple and toured the college area. He stopped at the Fiji Islands and then went to Honolulu were he toured the new Polynesian culture center and saw the Temple.

Elder Johnson labored in Gisborne, Whanganui, Christchurch, Porirua and Blenim. In reporting to the ward he bore a spiritual and humble testimony of the Gospel people in New Zealand.

His future plans are to attend and expressed a great love for the Chiropractic school. He is working in the Y.M.M.I.A. as the new age group counselor.

Doll Show For Hayward Dolls (Also Guys)

Dolls modern, dolls antique, dolls from around the world, dolls of every kind will be on display in the "Wonderful World of Dolls" to be presented by Hayward Ward YWMIA Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the cultural hall. The project has been organized by Mitzi Gotcher as a fund-raising for girls' camp next summer. Sister Gotcher and her mother who make and repair dolls in their shop in Hayward are including some of their most treasured dolls in the show. One of the outstanding ones looks like Jackie Kennedy. Girls of the mutual and others in the ward have been invited to display their dolls.

For a 50-cent donation guests will be able to enjoy the doll show and be served dessert. There will be a door prize to add to the fun. For information about tickets see Sister Mary Crockett, JE. 7-9294.

Mission Ward

Aunt- Niece, 8 Are Baptized

By Leonard W. Cryer

Two Mission Ward girls who became 8 years old this year were baptized Nov. 6. One was the other's aunt.

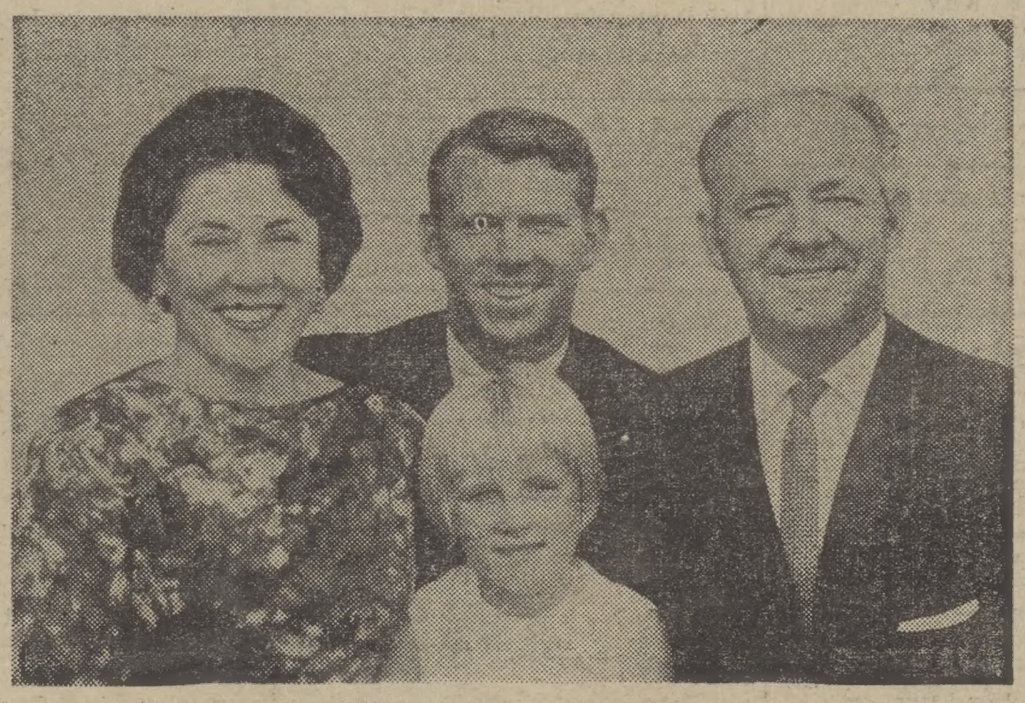
Barbara Lynn Collins was the aunt. The niece was Carol Jean Decker, youngest sister of Mrs. Kathleen Collins, Barbara's mother. Both girls are active in the Primary and Junior Sunday School.

Two children were blessed Nov. 7—Roxannie H. Morris, daughter of Mrs. LaDonna Morris, and Elnor Susan Roesberry, daughter of Andrew and Elnor Roesberry. Brother Roesberry is president of the 4th Quorum of Elders.

Robert M. Thomsen, who became 12 years old Nov. 4, was ordained a deacon. Youngest son of Kenneth and Martha Thomsen, he follows his older brothers Walter, an elder and the ward's Scoutmaster; James, a priest; and Donald who became a teacher this year. All four sons are active in the priesthood.

David P. Coldesina was sustained as an assistant ward clerk Oct. 31. He is a returned missionary and dental student. He and his wife Mary and daughter Christine are new members in the ward.

Merry Christmas



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